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SUBJECT: BULGARIA TO SUPPORT WALKER CANDIDACY, IF US
SUPPORTS BULGARIAN CANDIDACY FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME
ORGANIZATION

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PolOff delivered reftel A demarche to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Head of the Department for UN and Global Issues, Kamen Velichkov on October 29. On October 30, Junior Expert for United Nations and Global Affairs Antonia Alexieva called PolOff on behalf of Kamen Velichkov to say that Bulgaria is ready to support David Walker's candidacy in exchange for U.S. support for Bulgaria's candidacy to the International Maritime Organization. The GOB previously sent dipnotes in February (reftel B) and in October (reftel C) to request U.S. support. PolOff told Alexieva that U.S. policy for multilateral organizations is not to reveal U.S. support for candidates or to enter into agreements for reciprocal support.
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